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In re Application of:

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LOW VOLUME ANALYTE ARRAY
ELEMENTS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is filed in response to a non-final Office action dated July 21, 2006, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on October 21, 2006. This submission is timely filed on December 21, 2006 with payment for a two-month extension of time. The Office rejected claims 108-134, 139, 140 and 144-146 and objected to claim 119. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response.